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TO: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) for the **Conowingo**

Hydro Project, FERC No. 405-068, Hartford and Cecil Counties, MD and York

and Lancaster Counties. PA

(ER 06/801) (Agency due date: September 7, 2006)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has published the notice of availability for the subject EA on August 9, 2006. The EA is attached to the Commission order entitled "Order Modifying and Approving Non-Project Use of Project Lands and Waters" issued on August 8 and may be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the assessment from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to FERC by **September 7, 2006.** The related review is under ER06/357.

Please provide a copy of any comments made to this Office.

/s/8/15/06 Vijai N. Rai

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